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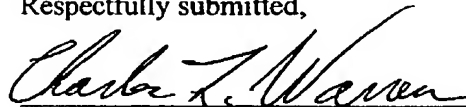
Remarks

Entry of the above-noted amendment, reconsideration of the application, and allowance of all claims pending are respectfully requested. Claims 1-20 remain pending.

Pursuant to the communication of March 22, 2005, applicant has amended claim 1 by adding "that" as suggested in the communication. This amendment is offered as merely clarifying the original intent of the claim in which two elements were intended to be presented, i.e. the substance of the claim is not altered. Applicant agrees with the Examiner's understanding that this amendment addresses a typographical error, i.e. the amendment is not related to an issue of patentability.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, allowance of all claims pending is respectfully requested. If a telephone conference would be of assistance in advancing the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call applicants' attorney.

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